

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method of synchronizing files between a central site and a plurality of remote sites comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a list of files to the plurality of remote sites by the central site, prior to a callback time of the remote sites;

(b) reporting which of the files are missing by each of the plurality of remote sites to the central site; and

(c) determining within the central site which of the files needs to be sent to each of the plurality of remote sites.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 in which the providing step (a) utilizes a file system synchronization (FSS) helper application.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 in which the reporting step (b) utilizes a file system synchronization remote site operation mechanism.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 in which the determining step (c) utilizes an automated central site operation mechanism.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.

6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date and time stamped.

7. (currently amended) A system for synchronizing files comprising:
a central site, the central site including a file system synchronization (FSS) helper application and an automated central site operations (ACSO) mechanism for transmitting ~~the~~ a list of files; and

at least one remote site, the at least one remote site including a file system synchronization remote operating mechanism (FSS RSO), wherein the FSS RSO mechanism creates a group of files it will need based upon the transmitted list of files.

8. (original) The system of claim 7 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.

9. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date stamped.

10. (original) The computer readable medium containing program instructions for synchronizing files between a central site and a plurality of remote sites, the program instructions for:

(a) providing a list of files to the plurality of remote sites by the central site, prior to a callback time of the remote sites;

(b) reporting which of the files are missing by each of the plurality of remote sites to the central site; and

(c) determining within the central site which of the files needs to be sent to each of the plurality of remote sites.

11. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 10 in which the providing step (a) utilizes a file system synchronization (FSS) helper application.

12. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 10 in which the reporting step (b) utilizes a file system synchronization remote site operation mechanism.

13. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 10 in which the determining step (c) utilizes an automated central site operation mechanism.

14. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 14 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.

15. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 10 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date and time stamped.